



COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI S. LIGHTNER

CITY OF SAN DIEGO – COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

Press Release

For Immediate Release
May 21, 2009

Contact: John Rivera
Phone: 619-236-6611

Councilmember Lightner notifies community of City's intent to file seal dispersal plan *Mayor's Office developed plan in response to Superior Court order*

San Diego ---Councilmember Sherri Lightner today announced that she was informed by the Mayor's office this morning about a Court-ordered plan to disperse the seals from the Children's Pool. The City of San Diego will file the Court-ordered plan on Friday, May 22.

"Today I was made aware that the City will file a Court-ordered seal dispersal plan," Councilmember Lightner stated. "I will carefully review the plan as soon as it becomes available."

"It is my understanding that the Mayor's office worked in consultation with the Police Department, Fire Department and Lifeguards, the Department of Park and Recreation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Harbor Patrol to develop a plan that will address methods for seal dispersal, provide for public safety and discuss how the City will handle outcomes, including seals hauling out onto surrounding beaches," Lightner said.

"The seal dispersal plan must address the community's concerns regarding public safety and traffic congestion," Lightner continued.

"We are currently working to notify La Jolla community members and business owners about the May 22 filing of this plan," Lightner added. "We will continue to provide updated information on our website as soon as it becomes available, and we urge community members to regularly check our site, www.sandiego.gov/cd1, and to call our office, (619) 236-6611 with any questions."

Sherri Lightner is the Councilmember for Council District One of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Rancho Penasquitos, Torrey Hills, Torrey Highlands, Torrey Pines, and University City. She took office December 8, 2008.

###